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Before You Start

Is this guide for you?

If you are an **employee** and your employer requires you to pay expenses to earn your employment income, you can use this guide. It will help you calculate the expenses you can deduct. It also gives you all the information you need to claim the employee goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) rebate. For details, see Chapter 9 beginning on page 105 [21].

You deduct most of your employment expenses on line 229 of your T1 GENERAL INCOME TAX AND BENEFIT RETURN. If you did not receive a General package in the mail, you can get a package beginning in February for the province or territory where you resided on December 31, 2006, from any postal outlet in that province or territory.

If you are **self-employed**, see guide T4002, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL INCOME, for more information.

Forms included in this guide

Form T777, Statement of Employment Expenses

Use Form T777 to calculate your allowable employment expenses. Include Form T777 with your return.

Form TL2, Claim for Meals and Lodging Expenses

Form TL2 is used by transport employees, such as employees of airline, railway, bus or trucking companies, as well as other transport employees who satisfy the conditions listed in the section called "Travelling Expenses" in Chapter 3 of this guide. Your employer has to sign the form. Most transport employees will complete Form TL2. You do not have to include this form with your return, but you should keep it in case we ask to see it.

Form T2200, Declaration of Conditions of Employment

If you are deducting employment expenses, your employer will have to complete and sign Form T2200. If you have more than one employer, ask each employer to complete and sign a form. You do not have to

include this form with your return, but you should keep it in case we ask to see it.

Form GST370, Employee and Partner GST/HST Rebate Application

If you are an employee of a GST/HST registrant and you are deducting expenses from your employment income on your return, you may be able to claim a rebate of the GST/HST you paid on these expenses. To claim the rebate, you must complete Form GST370. Include Form GST370 with your return. For more details, see page 113 [23].

What if you need help?

In this guide, we use plain language to explain the most common situations. If you need more help after reading this guide, you can visit our Web site at **www.cra.gc.ca** or call **1-800-959-8281**.

Throughout this guide, we mention guides, forms, interpretation bulletins, and information circulars that give more detailed information on specific topics. You can get any of the publications mentioned in this guide by visiting our Web site at **www.cra.gc.ca/forms** or by calling us at **1-800-959-2221**.

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What's New for 2006?

Tradesperson's tools expenses – Under proposed legislation, if you were employed as a tradesperson (including an apprentice mechanic) in 2006, you may be able to deduct a part of the cost of eligible tools you purchased after May 1, 2006, to earn employment income as a tradesperson. For more information, see Chapter 6 on page 50 [11].

GST/HST rebate – The GST rate charged on purchases made after June 30, 2006, was reduced from 7% to 6% and the HST rate was reduced from 15% to 14%. This change affects how the GST/HST rebate is calculated. For more information, see Chapter 9 on page 105 [21].

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Chapter 1 – Keeping records

You have to keep records for each year you claim expenses. These records must include **all** of the following:

- a daily record of your expenses, together with your receipts and any cancelled cheques;
- any ticket stubs for travel;
- invoices;
- any monthly credit card statements; and
- a record of each motor vehicle you used for employment. This record must show both the total kilometres you drove and the kilometres you drove for employment purposes in the year.

Your receipts for the purchase of merchandise or services have to show the following:

- the date you made the purchase;
- the name and address of the seller or supplier;

- your name and address; and
- a full description of the goods or services you bought.

Keep a record of the motor vehicles or musical instruments you bought and sold, since you may be able to claim capital cost allowance. This record has to show who sold you the motor vehicle or musical instrument, the cost, and the date you bought it.

If you sell or trade a motor vehicle or musical instrument, show the date you sold or traded it on your bill of sale. Also, show the amount you received from the sale or trade-in.

Do not send your records or receipts with your return. However, keep them in case we ask to see them. If you do not keep the necessary information, we may reduce your claim.

Generally, you have to keep your records (whether paper or electronic) for at least **six years** from the end of the tax year to which they apply. If you want to destroy your records before the six-year period is over, you must first get written permission from the director of your tax services office. To do this, either use Form T137, REQUEST FOR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS, or make your own written request. If

you need more details, see Information Circular 78-10, BOOKS AND RECORDS RETENTION/DESTRUCTION. You can find the address of your tax services office on our Web site at www.cra.gc.ca/contact or in the government section of your telephone book.

Chapter 2 – Employees earning commission income

Employees who sell goods or negotiate contracts for an employer can deduct some of the amounts they paid to earn commission income.

However, except for interest and capital cost allowance (CCA) on your vehicle, the total of the expenses you can deduct cannot be more than the commissions or similar amounts you received in the year.

If your total commission expenses (except interest and CCA on your vehicle) are more than your commissions or similar amounts you received, there is another method you can use to claim expenses. For example, it might be to your advantage to claim only travelling expenses (food and lodging), motor vehicle expenses (including interest and CCA on your vehicle), and certain other expenses if applicable, such as the cost of supplies or office rent. If you deduct expenses this way, your claim is not limited to the commissions you

received in the year. However, to do so, you have to meet the conditions for claiming travelling expenses and motor vehicle expenses. We discuss these conditions on page 30 [8].

Example

Andrew works for a company that sells video equipment and meets the employment conditions listed on page 16 [below]. During 2006, he recorded the following information:

Salary received	\$ 25,000
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Commissions received	5,000
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Total employment income	\$ 30,000
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Expenses:	
Advertising and promotion	\$ 1,000
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Travelling expenses	6,000
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Capital cost allowance	1,500
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Interest on car loan	500
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Total expenses	\$ 9,000
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Andrew's total expenses of \$9,000 are more than his commissions of \$5,000. Therefore, his claim for expenses is limited to \$5,000 plus the CCA of \$1,500 and interest of \$500, for a total claim of \$7,000. However, he may choose to claim only the travelling expenses of \$6,000. Using this method, Andrew also claims the CCA of \$1,500 and interest of \$500, for a total claim of \$8,000.

Employment conditions

To deduct the expenses you paid to earn commission income, you have to meet **all** the following conditions:

- Under your contract of employment, you had to pay your own expenses.
- You were normally required to work away from your employer's place of business.
- You were paid in whole or in part by commissions or similar amounts. These payments were based on the volume of sales made or the contracts negotiated.

- You did not receive a non-taxable allowance for travelling expenses. Generally, an allowance is non-taxable as long as it is a reasonable amount. For example, an allowance for the use of a motor vehicle is usually non-taxable when it is based solely on a reasonable per-kilometre rate.
- You keep with your records a copy of Form T2200, DECLARATION OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, that has been completed and signed by your employer.

If you need more information, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-522, VEHICLE, TRAVEL AND SALES EXPENSES OF EMPLOYEES.

Deductible expenses

This guide includes Form T777, STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES. Use it to calculate your total employment expenses. Once you calculate the employment expenses you can deduct, enter the amount on line 229 of your return. Include Form T777 with your return.

Your employment expenses include any GST/HST and provincial sales tax you paid on these expenses. You may be able to get a rebate of

the GST/HST you paid. We discuss this rebate in Chapter 9 beginning on page 105 [21].

The following describes the types of deductible expenses in the order they appear on Form T777.

Accounting and legal fees

You can deduct reasonable accounting fees you paid for help preparing and filing your return. You can also deduct legal fees you paid in the year to collect or establish a right to collect any amount that, if received, you would include as employment income on your return. However, you have to reduce your claim by any amount awarded to you or any reimbursement you received for your legal expenses. You do not have to meet the conditions listed in the section called "Employment conditions" on page 16 [5] to deduct legal fees.

See Interpretation Bulletin IT-99, LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING FEES, for more details.

Advertising and promotion

You can deduct expenses for advertising and promotion, including amounts you paid for business cards, promotional gifts, and advertisements.

Allowable motor vehicle expenses (including capital cost allowance)

We explain motor vehicle expenses on page 63 [14]. We cover capital cost allowance on page 88 [18].

Food, beverages, and entertainment expenses

Food and beverages – You can deduct food and beverage expenses as long as your employer requires you to be away for at least 12 consecutive hours. To qualify, you must be away from the municipality and the metropolitan area (if there is one) of your employer's location where you normally report for work. These amounts are subject to the 50% limit discussed on page 20 [this page] in the section called "Entertainment expenses."

The 50% limit also applies to the cost of food, beverages, and entertainment you paid for when you travelled on an airplane, train, or bus, as long as the ticket price did not include such amounts.

If you need more information, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-518, FOODS, BEVERAGES AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES.

Entertainment expenses – You can deduct the cost of entertaining clients. Expenses you can deduct include those for food, beverages, tickets, and entrance fees to entertainment or sporting events. You can also deduct tips, cover charges, room rentals to provide entertainment, such as hospitality suites, and the cost of private boxes at sports facilities.

The most you can deduct is 50% of the lower of:

- the amount you paid; or
- an amount that is reasonable in the circumstances.

If you need more information, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-518, FOODS, BEVERAGES AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES.

Lodging

You can deduct lodging expenses if your work conditions require you to travel away from your employer's place of business and pay your own lodging expenses.

Parking

You can deduct parking costs related to earning your commission income. Generally, you cannot deduct the cost of parking at your employer's office, such as monthly or daily parking fees. These are personal costs.

Do not include parking costs as part of your allowable motor vehicle expenses. Enter them on the "Parking" line on Form T777.

Supplies

You can deduct the cost of supplies. Supplies are only those materials you use directly in your work, and for no other purpose.

Supplies include items such as pens, pencils, paper clips, stationery, stamps, street maps, and directories. Supplies do not include items such as briefcases or calculators.

You can deduct expenses you paid for telegrams and long-distance telephone calls that reasonably relate to the earning of commission income. However, you cannot deduct the monthly basic rate for your home telephone.

You cannot deduct the cost of special clothing you wear or have to wear for your work. Generally, you cannot deduct the cost of any tools that are considered to be equipment. However, under proposed legislation, if you are a tradesperson (including an apprentice mechanic) as described in Chapter 6 beginning on page 50 [11], you may be able to deduct the cost of eligible tools you bought to earn employment income as a tradesperson.

For more information, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-352, EMPLOYEE'S EXPENSES, INCLUDING WORK SPACE IN HOME EXPENSES.

Other expenses

Licences – Deduct annual licence fees if you must have a licence to perform your work. For example, real estate and insurance salespeople can deduct the cost of their annual licences.

Bonding premiums – You can deduct payments for bonding and liability insurance premiums.

Medical underwriting fees – You can deduct expenses you paid for items such as X-rays and heart diagrams related to underwriting your customers' risks.

Computers and other equipment – If you lease computers, cell phones, fax machines, or other equipment, you can deduct the part of the lease cost that reasonably relates to earning your commission income.

You can also deduct the portion of airtime expenses for a cell phone that reasonably relates to earning your commission income. However, you cannot deduct amounts you paid to connect or license the cell phone.

If you buy a computer, cell phone, fax machine, or other such equipment, you cannot deduct the cost. Also, you cannot deduct capital cost allowance or interest you paid on money you borrowed to buy this equipment.

Salaries – You can deduct the salary you paid to your substitute or assistant.

You may have to withhold income tax, Canada Pension Plan (CPP) or Quebec Pension Plan (QPP) contributions, and Employment Insurance (EI) and Provincial Parental Insurance Plan (PPIP) premiums from the salary you paid. Report, on a T4 slip, the salary and amounts you withheld. For more information, see www.cra.gc.ca/slips, or guide RC4120, EMPLOYERS' GUIDE – FILING THE T4 SLIP AND SUMMARY.

As the employer, you can also deduct as an expense your share of the CPP or QPP contributions and the EI and PPIP premiums.

Office rent – You can deduct office rent you paid to earn your commission income. Do not confuse office rent with work-space in-the-home expenses, which we explain on page 26 [below].

Training costs – You can deduct the cost of a training course as an employment expense. The course has to maintain, upgrade, or update your existing skills or qualifications that relate to your employment.

You cannot deduct the cost of a training course as an employment expense if the course is for personal reasons, the cost is unreasonable, or you receive a lasting benefit from the course. For example, you receive a lasting benefit when you take a course to get a credit towards a degree, diploma, professional qualification, or similar certificate.

If you cannot deduct the cost of a training course as an employment expense, you can claim it as a tuition amount as long as you meet the conditions described in pamphlet P105, STUDENTS AND INCOME TAX.

For more details, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-357, EXPENSES OF TRAINING.

Travel fare – You can deduct the full amount you paid for travel fare, such as your airline, bus, or train ticket, as long as you paid it only to earn commission income.

Work-space-in-the-home expenses

You can deduct expenses you paid in 2006 for the employment use of a work space in your home, as long as you meet **one** of the following conditions:

- The work space is where you mainly (more than 50% of the time) do your work.
- You use the work space only to earn your employment income. You also have to use it on a regular and continuous basis for meeting clients or customers.

Keep with your records a copy of Form T2200, DECLARATION OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, that has been completed and signed by your employer.

You can deduct the part of your costs that relates to your work space, such as the cost of electricity, heating, maintenance, property taxes, and home insurance. However, you **cannot** deduct mortgage interest or capital cost allowance.

To calculate the percentage you can deduct, use a reasonable basis, such as the area of the work space divided by the total area. For maintenance costs, it may not be appropriate to use a percentage of these costs. For example, if the expenses you paid (such as cleaning materials or paint) were to maintain a part of the house that was not used as a work space, then you cannot deduct any part of them. Alternatively, if the expenses you paid were to maintain the work space **only**, then you may be able to deduct all or most of them.

If your office space is in a rented house or apartment where you live, deduct the percentage of the rent and any maintenance costs you paid that relate to the work space.

The amount you can deduct for work-space-in-the-home expenses is limited to the amount of employment income remaining after all other employment expenses have been deducted. This means that you cannot use work space expenses to create or increase a loss from employment.

You can only deduct work space expenses from the income to which the expenses relate, and not from any other income.

If you cannot deduct all your work space expenses in the year, you can carry forward the expenses. You can deduct these expenses in the following year as long as you are reporting income from the same employer. However, you cannot increase or create a loss from employment by carrying forward work space expenses.

If you need more information, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-352, EMPLOYEE'S EXPENSES, INCLUDING WORK SPACE IN HOME EXPENSES.

Chapter 3 – Employees earning a salary

This chapter describes the expenses you can deduct if you earn a salary. If you earn commission income, see Chapter 2.

Deductible expenses

This guide includes Form T777, STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES. Use it to calculate your total employment expenses. Once you calculate the employment expenses you can deduct, enter the amount on line 229 of your return. Include Form T777 with your return.

Your employment expenses include any GST/HST and provincial sales tax you paid on these expenses. You may be able to get a rebate of the GST/HST you paid. We discuss this rebate in Chapter 9 beginning on page 105 [21].

The following describes the types of deductible expenses in the order they appear on Form T777.

Accounting and legal fees

You can deduct any legal fees you paid in the year to collect or establish a right to collect any amount that, if received, you would include as employment income on your return. However, you have to reduce your claim by any amount awarded to you or any reimbursement you received for your legal expenses.

In some cases, you may also be able to deduct certain accounting fees. For more details, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-99, LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING FEES.

Allowable motor vehicle expenses (including capital cost allowance)

You can deduct your motor vehicle expenses if you meet **all** the following conditions:

- You were normally required to work away from your employer's place of business or in different places.
- Under your contract of employment, you had to pay your own motor vehicle expenses.
- You did not receive a non-taxable allowance for motor vehicle expenses. Generally, an allowance is non-taxable when it is based solely on a reasonable per-kilometre rate.
- You keep with your records a copy of Form T2200, DECLARATION OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, that has been completed and signed by your employer.

Sometimes, your employer will include an unreasonably low allowance as income on your T4 slip even though you do not want to claim any expenses. When this happens, have your employer complete and sign Form T2200, or get a letter from your employer stating that the

allowance was unreasonably low. On line 229, deduct as an expense an amount equal to the allowance.

For more information, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-522, VEHICLE, TRAVEL AND SALES EXPENSES OF EMPLOYEES.

We explain motor vehicle expenses on page 63 [14], and capital cost allowance on page 88 [18].

Travelling expenses

Travelling expenses include food, beverage, and lodging expenses but not motor vehicle expenses. You can deduct travelling expenses as long as you meet **all** the following conditions:

- You were normally required to work away from your employer's place of business or in different places.
- Under your contract of employment, you had to pay your own travelling expenses.
- You did not receive a non-taxable allowance for travelling expenses. Generally, an allowance is non-taxable as long as it is a reasonable amount and is for travelling away from the municipality

and metropolitan area (if there is one) of your employer's location where you normally work, or to which you normally report.

- You keep with your records a copy of Form T2200, DECLARATION OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, that has been completed and signed by your employer.

You can deduct food and beverage expenses if your employer requires you to be away for at least 12 consecutive hours from the municipality and the metropolitan area (if there is one) of your employer's location where you normally report for work. The most you can deduct for food and beverage expenses is 50% of the lesser of:

- the amount you actually paid; or
- an amount that is reasonable in the circumstances.

The 50% limit also applies to the cost of food and beverages you paid for when you travelled on an airplane, train, or bus, as long as the ticket price did not include such amounts.

If you are a **transport employee** claiming a deduction for meals and lodging, see Form TL2, CLAIM FOR MEALS AND LODGING EXPENSES,

included with this guide, and Information Circular 73-21, CLAIMS FOR MEALS AND LODGING EXPENSES OF TRANSPORT EMPLOYEES.

If you want more information about travelling expenses, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-522, VEHICLE, TRAVEL AND SALES EXPENSES OF EMPLOYEES, or Interpretation Bulletin IT-518, FOODS, BEVERAGES AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES.

Parking

You can deduct parking costs related to earning your employment income as long as you meet all the conditions listed in the section called "Allowable motor vehicle expenses (including capital cost allowance)" on page 30 [this page]. Generally, you cannot deduct the cost of parking at your employer's office, such as monthly or daily parking fees. These are personal costs.

Do **not** include parking costs as part of your allowable motor vehicle expenses. Enter them on the "Parking" line on Form T777.

Supplies

You can deduct the cost of supplies if you meet **all** the following conditions:

- Under your contract of employment, you had to provide and pay for the supplies.
- You used the supplies directly in your work.
- Your employer has not repaid and will not repay you for these expenses.
- You keep with your records a copy of Form T2200, DECLARATION OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, that has been completed and signed by your employer.

Supplies are only those materials you use directly in your work, and for no other purpose.

Supplies include items such as pens, pencils, paper clips, stationery, stamps, street maps, and directories. Supplies do **not** include items such as briefcases or calculators.

You can deduct expenses you paid for telegrams and long-distance telephone calls, as long as you paid them to earn employment income. However, you cannot deduct the monthly basic rate for a telephone.

You can also deduct the portion of the airtime expenses for a cell phone that reasonably relates to earning your employment income. However, you cannot deduct amounts you paid to connect or license the cell phone or the cost of fees for Internet service.

If you buy or lease a cell phone, fax machine, computer, or other such equipment, you cannot deduct the cost. Also, you cannot deduct capital cost allowance or interest you paid on money borrowed to buy this equipment.

You **cannot** deduct the cost of special clothing you wear or have to wear for your work. Also, you cannot deduct the cost of any tools that are considered to be equipment. However, under proposed legislation, if you are a tradesperson (including an apprentice mechanic) as described in Chapter 6 beginning on page 50 [11], you may be able to deduct the cost of eligible tools you bought to earn employment income as a tradesperson.

For more information, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-352, EMPLOYEE'S EXPENSES, INCLUDING WORK SPACE IN HOME EXPENSES.

Other expenses

Salaries – You can deduct the salary you paid to your substitute or assistant if you meet **all** the following conditions:

- Under your contract of employment, you had to pay for extra help.
- Your employer has not repaid and will not repay you for these expenses.
- You keep with your records a copy of Form T2200, DECLARATION OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, that has been completed and signed by your employer.

You may have to withhold income tax, Canada Pension Plan (CPP) or Quebec Pension Plan (QPP) contributions, Employment Insurance (EI) and Provincial Parental Insurance Plan (PPIP) premiums from the salary you paid. Report, on a T4 slip, the salary and amounts you withheld. For more information, see www.cra.gc.ca/slips, or guide RC4120, EMPLOYERS' GUIDE – FILING THE T4 SLIP AND SUMMARY.

As the employer, you can also deduct as an expense your share of the CPP or QPP contributions and the EI and PPIP premiums.

Office rent – You can deduct office rent if you meet **all** the following conditions:

- Under your contract of employment, you had to rent an office and pay the expenses.
- Your employer has not repaid and will not repay you for these expenses.
- You keep with your records a copy of Form T2200, DECLARATION OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, that has been completed and signed by your employer.

You can deduct office rent you paid if you paid it to earn your employment income. Do not confuse office rent with work-space-in-the-home expenses, which we discuss on this page.

Work-space-in-the-home expenses

You can deduct expenses you paid in 2006 for the employment use of a work space in your home, as long as you had to pay for them under

your contract of employment. These expenses must be used directly in your work and your employer has not reimbursed and will not reimburse you. Also, you must meet **one** of the following conditions:

- The work space is where you mainly (more than 50% of the time) do your work.
- You use the work space only to earn your employment income. You also have to use it on a regular and continuous basis for meeting clients or customers.

Keep with your records a copy of Form T2200, DECLARATION OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, that has been completed and signed by your employer.

You can deduct the part of your costs that relates to your work space, such as the cost of electricity, heating, and maintenance. However, you **cannot** deduct mortgage interest, property taxes, home insurance, or capital cost allowance.

To calculate the percentage of work space expenses you can deduct, use a reasonable basis, such as the area of the work space divided by the total area. For maintenance costs, it may not be appropriate to

use a percentage of these costs. For example, if the expenses you paid (such as cleaning materials or paint) were to maintain a part of the house that was not used as a work space, then you cannot deduct any part of them. Alternatively, if the expenses you paid were to maintain the work space **only**, then you may be able to deduct all or most of them.

If your office space is in a rented house or apartment where you live, deduct the percentage of the rent as well as any maintenance costs you paid that relate to the work space.

The amount you can deduct for work-space-in-the-home expenses is limited to the amount of employment income remaining after all other employment expenses have been deducted. This means that you cannot use work space expenses to create or increase a loss from employment.

You can only deduct work space expenses from the income to which the expenses relate, and not from any other income.

If you cannot deduct all your work space expenses in the year, you can carry forward the expenses to the following year, as long as you

are reporting income from the same employer. However, you cannot increase or create a loss from employment by carrying forward work space expenses.

Interpretation Bulletin IT-352, EMPLOYEE'S EXPENSES, INCLUDING WORK SPACE IN HOME EXPENSES, has more information.

Chapter 4 – Employees working in forestry operations

You can deduct expenses for buying and using a power saw (including a chain saw or tree trimmer) if you had to pay for them under your contract of employment and if your employer will not be reimbursing you. Also, you have to meet **both** of the following conditions:

- you work in forestry operations; and
- you use the power saw to earn your employment income.

You can deduct the cost of a power saw in the year you buy it. However, you have to subtract from the purchase price of the new

power saw the value of any trade-in or any amount you received from the sale of any power saw during the year.

When you file your return, attach a statement that breaks down the cost of running the power saw. Also, keep with your records a copy of Form T2200, DECLARATION OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, that has been completed and signed by your employer.

Expenses to operate a power saw include any GST/HST and provincial sales tax you paid. Enter your power saw expenses on line 229 of your return. You may be able to get a rebate of the GST/HST you paid. For more details, see Chapter 9 beginning on page 105 [21].

You cannot deduct expenses for travelling from your home to a place where you are required to report to work on a regular basis. These expenses are personal. For example, you cannot deduct expenses for travelling from your home to a forest camp or to a cutting site if you go to that place on a regular basis. However, the motor vehicle expenses for travelling from a forest camp set up by your employer to the cutting site are incurred in the course of employment. These expenses are therefore deductible if you meet the conditions

described in the section called "Allowable motor vehicle expenses (including capital cost allowance)" on page 30 [8].

You cannot deduct the cost of horses and harnesses, snowmobiles, or all-terrain vehicles because these are capital expenditures. Also, you cannot deduct capital cost allowance or interest you paid on money borrowed to buy them.

Chapter 5 – Employed artists

This chapter has two parts. Part 1 deals with employed artists' expenses in general. Part 2 deals with musical instrument costs.

Part 1 – Artists' employment expenses

You can deduct expenses you paid in 2006 to earn employment income from an artistic activity if you did **any** of the following:

- composed a dramatic, musical, or literary work;
- performed as an actor, dancer, singer, or musician in a dramatic or musical work;

- performed an artistic activity as a member of a professional artists' association that the Minister of Canadian Heritage has certified; or
- created a painting, print, etching, drawing, sculpture, or similar work of art. For income tax purposes, it is not an artistic activity when you reproduce these items.

These expenses include any GST/HST and provincial sales tax you paid. You may be able to get a rebate of the GST/HST you paid. We discuss this rebate in Chapter 9 beginning on page 105 [21].

The amount you can claim is limited to the **lesser** of:

a) the expenses you actually paid in 2006; or

b) the lesser of:

- \$1,000; and
- 20% of your employment income from artistic activities;

minus the following amounts you deducted from your income from an artistic activity:

- allowable musical instrument costs (see Part 2 on page 47 [the next page]);
- interest for your motor vehicle (see the section called "Interest expense" on page 69 [15]); and
- capital cost allowance for your motor vehicle (see Chapter 8 beginning on page 88 [18]).

If you have expenses you cannot claim because of the 20% or \$1,000 limit, you can deduct them from artistic income you earn in a future year. Also, you can deduct amounts you carry forward from previous years from your artistic income earned in 2006, as long as the total expenses are within the above-noted limits for 2006.

Enter the amount you can deduct on the "Artists' employment expenses" line of Form T777, STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES.

If you earn artistic income from more than one employer, total your income and expenses before you calculate your claim. In other words, you cannot make a separate claim for each employer.

Note

As an employed artist, you can deduct expenses described in Chapter 3 if you meet the required conditions. If you can deduct expenses described in Chapter 3, you can choose to deduct these expenses separately from the other expenses you paid to earn artistic income. However, choose the option that gives you the greatest deduction in 2006, since you cannot carry forward expenses that you can deduct in 2006.

Example

Barbara's 2006 employment income from artistic activities was \$20,000. During 2006, she paid expenses of \$950 for advertising, \$1,550 for travelling, and \$350 for musical instrument costs to earn this income. Barbara meets the requirements for deducting her travelling expenses as explained in Chapter 3, and her musical instrument costs as discussed in Part 2 of this chapter. She should deduct these expenses separately, since this gives her a greater deduction for 2006. Barbara calculates her artists' employment expenses as follows:

a) \$950 (advertising expenses); or

b) the lesser of:

- \$1,000; and
- \$4,000 (20% of \$20,000);

minus \$350 (musical instrument costs).

Amount b) is \$1,000 minus \$350 = \$650.

The lesser of a) or b) is \$650.

Barbara calculates the amount to enter on line 229 of her return as follows:

Travelling expenses	\$	1,550
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Artists' employment expenses		650
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Allowable musical instrument costs		350
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Total to enter on line 229	\$	<hr/> 2,550 <hr/>

Part 2 – Musical instrument costs

If you are an employed musician, your employer may require you to provide your own musical instrument. If this is the case, you can deduct expenses you paid that relate to the musical instrument. Your musical instrument expenses include any GST/HST and provincial sales tax you paid on these expenses. You may be able to get a rebate of the GST/HST you paid. For more details, see Chapter 9 beginning on page 105 [21].

Deductible expenses

The amounts you can deduct for your musical instrument are:

- maintenance costs;
- rental fees;
- insurance costs; and
- capital cost allowance (if you own the instrument).

Enter the amount you can deduct on the "Musical instrument costs" line and/or the "Capital cost allowance for musical instruments" line of Form T777 as appropriate.

However, the amount you deduct cannot be more than your income for the year from your employment as a musician after deducting all employment expenses (except musical instrument expenses).

How to calculate your expenses

When you use your musical instrument for both employment and other purposes, divide the total instrument costs among the different uses. For example, if you are using your instrument for employment, self-employment, and personal purposes, separate all three uses. You cannot deduct personal expenses.

Enter the total expenses related to your employment income on line 229 of your return.

Use the self-employment part of your musical instrument costs to calculate the net self-employment income you report on line 137 of

your return. For more information, see guide T4002, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL INCOME.

Capital cost allowance

Use the back of Form T777 to calculate the amount of capital cost allowance you can claim for your musical instrument. For more information, see Chapter 8 beginning on page 88 [18].

Change in use

There are special rules for calculating the capital cost of depreciable property. These rules can apply when there is a change in use of the property from an income-earning purpose to some other purpose, or vice versa. We discuss this in more detail in Chapter 8 beginning on page 88 [18].

For more information, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-525, PERFORMING ARTISTS.

Chapter 6 – Employed tradespersons

You may be able to deduct the cost of eligible tools you bought after May 1, 2006 to earn employment income as a tradesperson. This cost includes any GST/HST and provincial sales tax you paid. You may be able to get a rebate of the GST/HST you paid. We discuss this rebate in Chapter 9 beginning on page 105 [21]. When completing Form GST370, EMPLOYEE AND PARTNER GST/HST REBATE APPLICATION, see if Situation 6 on page 122 [24] applies to you.

An eligible tool is a tool (including associated equipment such as a toolbox) that:

- you bought to use in your job as a tradesperson and was not used for any purpose before you bought it;
- your employer certified as being necessary for you to provide as a condition of, and for use in, your job as a tradesperson; and
- is not an electronic communication device (like a cell phone) or electronic data processing equipment (unless the device or equipment can be used only for the purpose of measuring, locating or calculating).

Your employer has to complete and sign Form T2200, DECLARATION OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT. Have your employer complete question 11 of Part B of the form to certify that the tools being claimed were bought and provided by you as a condition of your employment as a tradesperson. Attach to Form T2200 a list of the tools being claimed, as well as the related receipts. You do not have to include Form T2200 or your list of tools with your return, but you should keep them in case we ask to see them.

Deduction for tools

If you were a tradesperson in 2006, use the following formula to calculate your maximum deduction for the cost of eligible tools you bought during the period May 2, 2006 to December 31, 2006:

Maximum deduction for eligible tools is an amount not more than the lesser of:

- a) \$500, and
- b) the amount, if any, determined by the formula

A – \$1000

where

A = the lesser of:

1. the total cost of eligible tools that you bought after May 1, 2006; and
2. your income from employment as a tradesperson for the year

Enter your claim on the "Tradesperson's tools expenses" line of Form T777, STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES.

Example

In 2006, Karsten is employed as an electrician with ABC Company. He discovers that he needs to purchase additional tools for his job and buys them in July of 2006. He paid \$2,500 for the tools he needed and he earned \$45,000 in employment income in 2006 as an electrician. Since Karsten bought his tools after May 1, 2006, he knows that he is eligible for the tradesperson's tools deduction.

He calculates his maximum deduction for eligible tools in 2006 as follows:

Maximum deduction for eligible tools is an amount not more than the lesser of:

- a) \$500, and
- b) the amount, if any, determined by the formula

A – \$1000

where

A = the lesser of:

- 1. \$2,500; and
- 2. \$45,000

Karsten's maximum deduction for 2006 is the lesser of \$500 and \$1,500 (\$2,500 – \$1,000). Karsten claims a deduction of \$500 on line 229 of his 2006 tax return.

Employed apprentice mechanics

You may also be able to deduct a part of the cost of eligible tools you purchased in 2006 to earn employment income as an eligible apprentice mechanic.

You are an eligible apprentice mechanic if you:

- are registered in a program established under the laws of a province or territory that leads to a designation under those laws as a mechanic **licensed to repair self-propelled motorized vehicles** (such as automobiles, aircraft, boats, or snowmobiles); and
- are employed as an apprentice mechanic.

As an eligible apprentice mechanic, you must first calculate the tradesperson's expense deduction, if any, that you qualify for. You may qualify for that deduction if you bought eligible tools for your job after May 1, 2006. You can then complete the calculation described in the section called "Deduction for tools for an eligible apprentice mechanic", on page 56 [this page] to determine if you can also make this claim in 2006.

An eligible tool is a tool (including associated equipment such as a toolbox) that:

- you bought to use in your job as an apprentice mechanic and was not used for any purpose before you bought it;
- your employer certified as being necessary for you to provide as a condition of, and for use in, your job as an apprentice mechanic; and
- is not an electronic communication device (like a cell phone) or electronic data processing equipment (unless the device or equipment can be used only for the purpose of measuring, locating or calculating).

Your employer has to complete and sign Form T2200, DECLARATION OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT. Have your employer complete questions 12 and 13 of Part B of the form to certify that the tools being claimed were bought and provided by you as a condition of your employment as an eligible apprentice mechanic. Attach to Form T2200 a list of the tools being claimed, as well as the related receipts. You do not have to submit Form T2200 or your list of tools with your return, but you should keep them in case we ask to see them.

Deduction for tools for an eligible apprentice mechanic

Use the following formula to calculate your maximum deduction for the cost of eligible tools you bought in 2006 if you were an eligible apprentice mechanic at any time in 2006:

$$\text{Maximum deduction for eligible tools}^* = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{C}$$

where

A = the total cost of eligible tools that you bought in 2006**

B = the lesser of:

1. the total cost of eligible tools that you bought in 2006 as calculated in **A**; and
2. the greater of:
 - \$1,000 + the amount, if any, that you claimed for the tradesperson's tools deduction in 2006; and
 - 5% of your employment income as an eligible apprentice mechanic.

- C** = the amount, if any, of the maximum deduction for eligible tools that you calculated for 2005 that you did **not** claim in 2005 (your carry forward amount from 2005, if any).
- * This claim cannot exceed your net income for 2006 from all sources (the claim cannot create a non-capital loss).
 - ** If you become employed as an eligible apprentice mechanic for the first time during 2006, you will be able to increase the value of A in the above calculation by the cost of eligible tools you bought in October to December of 2005.

Enter your claim on the "Apprentice mechanic tools expenses" line of Form T777, STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES.

If you do not want to claim the maximum deduction, you can carry forward the unused amount for use against income earned in a future year. You can deduct the unused amount against any type of income in a future year even if you are no longer employed as an eligible apprentice mechanic at that time.

Example 1

The Motor Company hires Bill as an eligible apprentice mechanic on November 1, 2005. Based on the tools he bought during 2005, Bill calculated his maximum deduction for eligible tools in 2005 to be \$3,500. He only claimed \$1,500 of this amount on his 2005 return. In 2006, Bill receives \$18,000 in income from his job as an eligible apprentice mechanic. In 2006, he received income of \$4,000 from other sources.

During September of 2006, Bill buys two eligible tools for \$4,500. Since Bill bought these tools after May 1, 2006, he has already calculated and claimed a tradesperson's tool deduction of \$500 for 2006.

Bill calculates his maximum deduction for eligible tools in 2006 as follows:

Maximum deduction for eligible tools = (A – B) + C

where

A = \$4,500

B = the lesser of:

1. \$4,500; and
2. the greater of:
 - \$1,000 + \$500; and
 - \$900 (5% of \$18,000)

C = \$2,000

Therefore, Bill's maximum deduction in 2006 is \$5,000 ($[\$4,500 - \$1,500] + \$2,000$). Bill's claim for the year cannot be more than his net income of \$22,000 ($\$18,000 + \$4,000$). Bill claims his deduction at line 229 of his return.

Disposition of tools

As a tradesperson (including an apprentice mechanic), you may decide to sell any or all of the eligible tools for which you claimed a deduction. If so, you must include, in your income in the year you sold the tool(s), the amount by which the proceeds of disposition of each tool is greater than the adjusted cost of the eligible tool sold. The proceeds of disposition of a tool is the amount of money you sold the tool for.

Adjust the original cost of each eligible tool you bought by using the following formula:

$$\text{Adjusted cost of an eligible tool} = D - (D \times [E/A])$$

where

D = the original cost of each eligible tool that you bought in 2006

E = the total of the tradesperson's tool deduction and apprentice mechanic tool deduction that you claimed in 2006*

A = the total cost of all eligible tools that you bought in 2006**

- * In the case of the apprentice mechanic tool deduction, assume there is no carryover amount ($C = 0$) when calculating **E**.
- ** If you made a claim for both the tradesperson's tool deduction and the apprentice mechanic tool deduction, use the value of **A** which was **greater**.

Complete a separate calculation for each eligible tool you bought in 2006.

Example 2

In Example 1 on page 58 [this page], Bill bought two eligible tools after May 1, 2006, for \$4,500. Tool A and Tool B cost \$2,500 and \$2,000, respectively. Bill must calculate the adjusted cost of these tools. He calculates the adjusted cost of Tool A as follows:

$$\text{Adjusted cost of Tool A} = D - (D \times [E/A])$$

where

$$D = \$2,500$$

$$E = \$500 + \$3,000^* \text{ (from Example 1)}$$

$$A = \$4,500$$

* The value of **E** is the total of the tradesperson's tool deduction of \$500 and the apprentice mechanic tool deduction of \$5,000 minus the carryover amount of \$2,000

By applying this formula, the adjusted cost of Tool A is:

$$\$2,500 - (\$2,500 \times [\$3,500/\$4,500])$$

$$= \$2,500 - \$1,944$$

$$= \$556$$

Similarly, the adjusted cost of Tool B is \$444
(\$2,000 - (\$2,000 × [\$3,500/\$4,500])).

Assume that Bill sells Tool A in 2007 for \$1,500. The proceeds of disposition of Tool A (\$1,500) is greater than its adjusted cost (\$556). As a result, he would have to include in income in 2007 the amount of \$944 (\$1,500 – \$556).

Chapter 7 – Motor vehicle expenses

You can deduct expenses you paid to run a motor vehicle you use to earn employment income. Your motor vehicle expenses include any GST/HST and provincial sales tax you paid on these expenses. You may be able to get a rebate of the GST/HST you paid. For more details, see Chapter 9 beginning on page 105 [21].

If you are an employee earning **commission income**, you can deduct expenses for your vehicle as long as you meet the conditions outlined in the section called "Employment conditions" on page 16 [5].

If you are an employee earning a **salary**, you can deduct expenses for your vehicle as long as you meet the conditions outlined in the section called "Allowable motor vehicle expenses (including capital cost allowance)" on page 30 [8].

Keeping records

Since you can deduct motor vehicle expenses only when they are reasonable and you have receipts to support them, keep a record for each vehicle you used. The record should include the total kilometres you drove as well as the kilometres you drove to earn employment income. The record for each trip you took to earn employment income should list the date, destination, purpose, and number of kilometres. Record the odometer reading of each vehicle at the beginning and again at the end of the year.

If you change motor vehicles during the year, record the odometer reading of each vehicle when you buy, sell, or trade it. Write down the dates as well.

Deductible expenses

The types of expenses you can deduct include:

- fuel and oil;
- maintenance and repairs;

- insurance;
- licence and registration fees;
- capital cost allowance (see Chapter 8 beginning on page 88 [18]);
- eligible interest you paid on a loan used to buy the motor vehicle;
and
- eligible leasing costs.

Enter these amounts in the "Calculation of Allowable Motor Vehicle Expenses" area of Form T777.

What kind of vehicle do you own?

For tax purposes, there are three types of vehicles you should know about. They are **motor vehicles**, **automobiles**, and **passenger vehicles**.

The kind of vehicle you use may affect the expenses you can deduct. If you own or lease a passenger vehicle, there may be a limit on the amounts you can deduct for capital cost allowance (CCA), interest,

and leasing costs. We explain the limits for CCA on page 91 [19], leasing costs and interest expense on page 69 and 73 [15].

Motor vehicle

A motor vehicle is an automotive vehicle designed or adapted for use on highways and streets. It is not a trolley bus, or a vehicle designed or adapted to be operated exclusively on rails.

Automobile

An automobile is a motor vehicle designed or adapted primarily to carry people on highways and streets. It seats a driver and no more than eight passengers.

An automobile does **not** include:

- an ambulance;
- clearly marked police and fire emergency-response vehicles;
- clearly marked emergency medical services vehicles used to carry paramedics and their emergency medical equipment;

- a motor vehicle you bought to use mainly (more than 50%) as a taxi, a bus to transport passengers, or a hearse in a funeral business;
- a motor vehicle you bought to sell, rent, or lease in a motor vehicle sales, rental, or leasing business;
- a motor vehicle (except a hearse) you bought to use in a funeral business to transport passengers; or
- certain vans, pick-up trucks, or similar vehicles (for details, see the "Vehicle definitions chart" on page 70 [15]).

Passenger vehicle

A passenger vehicle is an automobile you bought or leased under a lease you entered into, extended, or renewed.

Most cars, station wagons, vans, and some pick-up trucks are passenger vehicles. They are subject to the limits for CCA, interest, and leasing costs. The "Vehicle definitions chart" on page 70 [15] should help you determine what type of vehicle you have. It does not

cover every situation, but should give you a better idea of how we define vehicles bought or leased after June 17, 1987.

Joint ownership

If you and somebody else own or lease the same passenger vehicle, the limits on CCA, interest, and leasing costs still apply. The total amount the joint owners can claim cannot be more than the amount that would be allowed if only one person had owned or leased the vehicle.

Employment use of a motor vehicle

If you use a motor vehicle for both employment and personal use, you can deduct only the percentage of expenses related to earning income. To support the amount you can deduct, keep a record of both the total kilometres you drove and the kilometres you drove to earn employment income. We consider driving back and forth between home and work as personal use.

If you use more than one motor vehicle to earn employment income, calculate the expenses for each vehicle separately.

Interest expense

You can deduct interest you paid on money you borrowed to buy a motor vehicle, automobile, or passenger vehicle that you use to earn employment income. Include the interest you paid when you calculate your allowable motor vehicle expenses.

If you use a **passenger vehicle** to earn employment income, there is a **limit** on the amount of interest you can deduct.

Use the "Available interest expense for passenger vehicles chart" to calculate the amount you can deduct. Enter your available interest expense amount on line 10 of Form T777.

Available interest expense for passenger vehicles chart

Total interest paid in the year	\$ _____	A
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\$10* × the number of days for which interest was paid	\$ _____	B
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The available interest expense is the **lower of** amount A or amount B.

***Note**

Use \$8.33 for passenger vehicles bought **after** December 31, 1996, and **before** January 1, 2001.

In **all** other cases, use \$10.

Vehicle definitions chart

Type of vehicle	Seating (includes driver)	Business use in year bought or leased	Vehicle definition
Coupe, sedan, station wagon, sports car, or luxury car	1 to 9	1% to 100%	passenger
Pick-up truck used to transport goods or equipment	1 to 3	more than 50%	motor

Type of vehicle	Seating (includes driver)	Business use in year bought or leased	Vehicle definition
Pick-up truck (other than above) *	1 to 3	1% to 100%	passenger
Pick-up truck with extended cab used to transport goods, equipment, or passengers	4 to 9	90% or more	motor
Pick-up truck with extended cab (other than above) *	4 to 9	1% to 100%	passenger
Sport-utility used to transport goods, equipment, or passengers	4 to 9	90% or more	motor

Type of vehicle	Seating (includes driver)	Business use in year bought or leased	Vehicle definition
Sport-utility (other than above)	4 to 9	1% to 100%	passenger
Van or minivan used to transport goods or equipment	1 to 3	more than 50%	motor
Van or minivan (other than above)	1 to 3	1% to 100%	passenger
Van or minivan used to transport goods, equipment, or passengers	4 to 9	90% or more	motor
Van or minivan (other than above)	4 to 9	1% to 100%	passenger

* A vehicle in this category is considered a **motor vehicle** if it is used mainly to transport goods, equipment, or passengers while earning or producing income at a remote work location or at a special worksite that is at least 30 kilometres from the nearest community with a population of at least 40,000.

Leasing costs

You can deduct amounts you paid to lease a motor vehicle you used to earn employment income. Include the leasing costs you paid when you calculate your allowable motor vehicle expenses.

If you use a passenger vehicle to earn employment income, there is a limit on the amount of leasing costs you can deduct. To calculate your eligible leasing costs, use one of the charts on pages 76 to 82 [the following two pages]. The chart you use will depend on when you leased your vehicle. Choose the chart that applies to you. Contact us if you are still using a passenger vehicle to earn employment income that was leased before January 1, 1991. Enter your eligible leasing costs on line 11 of Form T777.

Note

Most leases do not include items such as insurance, maintenance, and taxes. You have to pay these amounts separately. Therefore, list these expenses separately on Form T777. Do not include them on line 1 when you complete the applicable chart on pages 76 to 82 [the next two pages].

If the lease agreement for your passenger vehicle includes items such as insurance, maintenance, and taxes, include them as part of the lease charges on line 1 when you complete the applicable chart.

Effective July 1, 2006, the GST rate was reduced from 7% to 6%, and the HST rate from 15% to 14%. The leasing charts require that you calculate GST/HST on three prescribed amounts. The rate that you should use in these calculations is the rate that was in effect at the beginning of each lease interval. The GST rate for any lease interval beginning before July 1, 2006, will be 7% and the HST rate will be 15%. The GST rate for any lease interval beginning after June 30, 2006, will be 6% and the HST rate will be 14%. If you are making monthly lease payments, each lease interval would be a month.

To calculate your eligible leasing costs, use the following guidelines:

- If you entered into your lease agreement before January 1, 2006 and it did not terminate during 2006, use a GST rate of 6.5% or HST rate of 14.5% to complete the applicable chart.
- If you entered into your lease agreement after June 30, 2006, use a GST rate of 6% or HST rate of 14% to complete the applicable chart.
- If **either** of the following two situations applies, you will need to complete the applicable chart twice, once for the part of 2006 to which a GST rate of 7% applies and once for the part of 2006 to which a GST rate of 6% applies:
 - a) You entered into your lease agreement after December 31, 2005, and before July 1, 2006, and it did not terminate in 2006; or
 - b) You entered into your lease agreement before July 1, 2006, and it was terminated after June 30, 2006, and before 2007.

For an example of this, see page 83 [17].

Chart A

Eligible leasing costs for passenger vehicles leased after December 31, 2000

1. Enter the total lease charges paid for the vehicle in 2006	\$ _____	1
2. Enter the total lease payments deducted for the vehicle before 2006	\$ _____	2
3. Enter the total number of days the vehicle was leased in 2006 and previous years	_____	3
4. Enter the manufacturer's list price	\$ _____	4
5. \$35,294 + GST/HST and PST on \$35,294	\$ _____	5
6. Enter the amount from line 4 or line 5, whichever is more \$ _____ × 85%	▶ \$ _____	6

7. (\$800 + GST/HST and PST on \$800) × line 3 =		
\$ _____ ÷ 30 = \$ _____ – line 2	▶	\$ _____ 7
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8. (\$30,000 + GST/HST and PST on \$30,000)		
× line 1 =		
\$ _____ ÷ line 6	▶	\$ _____ 8
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Your eligible leasing cost is the lower of the amounts on line 7 or line 8.

Chart B

Eligible leasing costs for passenger vehicles leased after December 31, 1999, and before January 1, 2001

1. Enter the total lease charges paid for the vehicle in 2006		\$ _____ 1
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2. Enter the total lease payments deducted for the vehicle before 2006		\$ _____ 2
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3. Enter the total number of days the vehicle was leased in 2006 and previous years		3
4. Enter the manufacturer's list price	\$	4
5. \$31,765 + GST/HST and PST on \$31,765	\$	5
6. Enter the amount from line 4 or line 5, whichever is more		
\$ _____ × 85%	▶ \$	6
7. (\$700 + GST/HST and PST on \$700) × line 3 =		
\$ _____ ÷ 30 = \$ _____ – line 2	▶ \$	7
8. (\$27,000 + GST/HST and PST on \$27,000) × line 1 =		
\$ _____ ÷ line 6	▶ \$	8

Your eligible leasing cost is the lower of the amounts on line 7 or line 8.

Chart C

Eligible leasing costs for passenger vehicles leased after December 31, 1997, and before January 1, 2000

1. Enter the total lease charges paid for the vehicle in 2006	\$	1
2. Enter the total lease payments deducted for the vehicle before 2006	\$	2
3. Enter the total number of days the vehicle was leased in 2006 and previous years		3
4. Enter the manufacturer's list price	\$	4
5. \$30,588 + GST/HST and PST on \$30,588	\$	5
6. Enter the amount from line 4 or line 5, whichever is more \$ _____ × 85%	▶ \$	6

7. (\$650 + GST/HST and PST on \$650) × line 3 = \$ _____ ÷ 30 = \$ _____ – line 2	▶ \$ _____	7
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8. (\$26,000 + GST/HST and PST on \$26,000) × line 1 = \$ _____ ÷ line 6	▶ \$ _____	8
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Your eligible leasing cost is the lower of the amounts on line 7 or line 8.

Chart D

Eligible leasing costs for passenger vehicles leased after December 31, 1996, and before January 1, 1998

1. Enter the total lease charges paid for the vehicle in 2006	\$ _____	1
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2. Enter the total lease payments deducted for the vehicle before 2006	\$ _____	2
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3. Enter the total number of days the vehicle was leased in 2006 and previous years		3
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4. Enter the manufacturer's list price	\$	4
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5. \$29,412 + GST/HST and PST on \$29,412	\$	5
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6. Enter the amount from line 4 or line 5, whichever is more		
\$ _____ × 85%	▶ \$	6
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7. (\$550 + GST/HST and PST on \$550) × line 3 =		
\$ _____ ÷ 30 = \$ _____ – line 2	▶ \$	7
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8. (\$25,000 + GST/HST and PST on \$25,000) × line 1 =		
\$ _____ ÷ line 6	▶ \$	8
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Your eligible leasing cost is the lower of the amounts on line 7 or line 8.

Chart E

Eligible leasing costs for passenger vehicles leased after December 31, 1990, and before January 1, 1997

1. Enter the total lease charges paid for the vehicle in 2006	\$ _____	1
2. Enter the total lease payments deducted for the vehicle before 2006	\$ _____	2
3. Enter the total number of days the vehicle was leased in 2006 and previous years	_____	3
4. Enter the manufacturer's list price	\$ _____	4
5. \$28,235 + GST/HST and PST on \$28,235	\$ _____	5
6. Enter the amount from line 4 or line 5, whichever is more \$ _____ × 85%	▶ \$ _____	6

$$\begin{array}{r}
 7. (\$650 + \text{GST/HST and PST on } \$650) \times \text{line 3} = \\
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 8. (\$24,000 + \text{GST/HST and PST on } \$24,000) \\
 \times \text{line 1} = \\
 \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \div \text{line 6} \quad \blacktriangleright \quad \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \mathbf{8} \\
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 \end{array}$$

Your eligible leasing cost is the lower of the amounts on line 7 or line 8.

Example

On February 1, 2006, Tom, a resident of Ontario, began leasing a car that meets the definition of a passenger vehicle. He used the car to earn employment income. In this example, Tom is making monthly payments and each lease interval begins on the first day of the month. Based on the guidelines listed on page 75 [the previous page], he will use a GST rate of 7% on his first five monthly payments and a GST rate of 6% on the final six payments of 2006. Tom will complete Chart A twice using the following information for 2006:

• Monthly lease payment	\$ 500
• Lease payments made before July 1, 2006	\$ 2,500
• Lease payments made after June 30, 2006	\$ 3,000
• Number of days the car was leased in 2006 with a GST rate of 7%	150
• Number of days the car was leased in 2006 with a GST rate of 6%	184
• Manufacturer's suggested list price	\$ 28,000
• GST ($\$35,294 \times 7\% = \$2,471$) and PST ($\$35,294 \times 8\% = \$2,823$)	\$ 5,294
• GST ($\$35,294 \times 6\% = \$2,118$) and PST ($\$35,294 \times 8\% = \$2,823$)	\$ 4,941
• GST ($\$800 \times 7\% = \56) and PST ($\$800 \times 8\% = \64)	\$ 120
• GST ($\$800 \times 6\% = \48) and PST ($\$800 \times 8\% = \64)	\$ 112

• GST ($\$30,000 \times 7\%$ GST = \$2,100) and PST ($\$30,000 \times 8\%$ = \$2,400)	\$ 4,500
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• GST ($\$30,000 \times 6\%$ GST = \$1,800) and PST ($\$30,000 \times 8\%$ = \$2,400)	\$ 4,200
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Chart A (with a GST rate of 7%)

1. Total lease charges paid for the vehicle in 2006 with a GST rate of 7%	\$ 2,500	1
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2. Total lease payments deducted for the vehicle before 2006	\$ 0	2
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3. Total number of days the vehicle was leased in 2006 with a GST rate of 7%	150	3
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4. The manufacturer's list price	\$ 28,000	4
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5. \$35,294 + \$5,294	\$ 40,588	5
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6. Enter the amount from line 4 or line 5,
whichever is more

$$\underline{\$40,588} \times 85\% \quad \blacktriangleright \quad \$ \quad \underline{34,500} \quad \mathbf{6}$$

7. $(\$800 + \$120 = \$920) \times 150 =$

$$\underline{\$138,000} \div 30 = \underline{\$4,600} - \text{line 2} \quad \blacktriangleright \quad \$ \quad \underline{4,600} \quad \mathbf{7}$$

8. $(\$30,000 + \$4,500 = \$34,500) \times 2,500 =$

$$\underline{\underline{\$86,250,000}} \div 34,500 \quad \blacktriangleright \quad \$ \quad \underline{\underline{2,500}} \quad \mathbf{8}$$

Chart A (with a GST rate of 6%)

1. Total lease charges paid for the vehicle in 2006
with a GST rate of 6% \$ 3,000 **1**

2. Total lease payments deducted for the vehicle
before 2006 \$ 0 **2**

3. Total number of days the vehicle was leased in
2006 with a GST rate of 6% 184 **3**

4. The manufacturer's list price	\$ 28,000	4
5. \$35,294 + \$4,941	\$ 40,235	5
6. Enter the amount from line 4 or line 5, whichever is more		
<u>\$40,235</u> × 85%	▶ \$ 34,200	6
7. (\$800 + \$112 = \$912) × 184 =		
<u>\$167,808</u> ÷ 30 = <u>\$5,594</u> – line 2	▶ \$ 5,594	7
8. (\$30,000 + \$4,200 = \$34,200) × 3,000 =		
<u>\$102,600,000</u> ÷ 34,200	▶ \$ 3,000	8

Repayments and imputed interest

When you lease a passenger vehicle, you may have either a repayment owing to you, or you may have **imputed interest**. If this is your situation, you cannot use the preceding leasing charts. Instead, contact us.

Imputed interest is interest that would be owing to you if you were paid interest on money you deposited to lease a passenger vehicle. You can only calculate imputed interest for leasing costs on a passenger vehicle if **all** the following apply:

- you made one or more deposits for the leased passenger vehicle;
- all deposits are refundable; and
- the deposits total more than \$1,000.

Chapter 8 – Capital cost allowance (depreciation)

You cannot deduct the cost of a property, such as a vehicle or musical instrument that you use to earn your income. However, you can deduct a percentage of the property's cost. The part of the cost you can deduct or claim is called **depreciation** or, for income tax purposes, **capital cost allowance (CCA)**.

Definitions

You may need to know the meaning of certain terms before you can determine your claim for CCA.

Capital cost is the amount on which you first claim CCA. Generally, the capital cost of the property is what you pay for it. Capital cost also includes items such as delivery charges, the GST/HST and provincial sales tax.

Depreciable property is any property on which you can claim CCA. Depreciable properties are usually grouped into classes. Your CCA claim is based on the class of your property.

Fair market value is usually the highest dollar value you can get for your property in an open and unrestricted market, between a willing buyer and a willing seller who are acting independently of each other.

Proceeds of disposition is usually the amount you received or will receive for your property. In most cases, it refers to the sale price of the property. When you trade in a property to buy a new one, your proceeds of disposition is the amount you receive for the trade-in.

Undepreciated capital cost (UCC) is the balance of the capital cost left for further depreciation at any given time. The amount of CCA you claim each year will lower the UCC of the property.

Can you claim CCA?

If you are an employee earning **commission income**, you can claim CCA on your vehicle if you meet the conditions outlined in the section called "Employment conditions" on page 16 [5].

If you are an employee earning a **salary**, you can claim CCA on your vehicle if you meet the conditions outlined in the section called "Allowable motor vehicle expenses (including capital cost allowance)" on page 30 [8].

If you are an **employed musician**, you can claim CCA on a musical instrument if you had to provide the musical instrument as a condition of employment.

You do not have to claim the maximum amount of CCA in any given year. You can claim any amount you want, from zero up to the maximum allowed for the year.

Use page 8 [the back] of Form T777, STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES, to calculate your CCA claim. You will find two copies of Form T777 in this guide.

Interpretation Bulletin IT-522, VEHICLE, TRAVEL AND SALES EXPENSES OF EMPLOYEES, has more details about CCA.

Classes of depreciable properties

Depreciable properties are usually grouped into classes. To claim CCA, you should know about the following classes.

Class 8

The maximum CCA rate for this class is 20%. Musical instruments are included in Class 8.

Class 10

The maximum CCA rate for this class is 30%.

You include motor vehicles, automobiles, and some passenger vehicles in Class 10. We define motor vehicles, automobiles, and passenger vehicles in the section called "What kind of vehicle do you own?" on page 65 [14].

Your passenger vehicle can belong to either Class 10 or Class 10.1. You only include a passenger vehicle in Class 10.1 if it meets certain conditions. We explain these conditions below.

Class 10.1

The maximum CCA rate for this class is 30%.

The maximum capital cost of each vehicle that may be included in Class 10.1 is \$30,000 plus GST and provincial sales tax (PST), or HST.

Include your passenger vehicle in Class 10.1 if it meets **one** of the following conditions:

- you acquired it after August 31, 1989, and before January 1, 1997, and it cost you more than \$24,000;
- you acquired it after December 31, 1996, and before January 1, 1998, and it cost you more than \$25,000;
- you acquired it after December 31, 1997, and before January 1, 2000, and it cost you more than \$26,000;

- you acquired it after December 31, 1999, and before January 1, 2001, and it cost you more than \$27,000; or
- you acquired it after December 31, 2000, and it cost you more than \$30,000.

If your passenger vehicle does not meet **any** of the above conditions, then it belongs in Class 10.

To determine what class your passenger vehicle belongs to, do **not** include the GST/HST and PST when calculating the cost of the vehicle. This applies to all passenger vehicles acquired after December 31, 1990.

The following compares the two CCA classes for vehicles:

	Class 10	Class 10.1
CCA rate	30%	30%
Group all vehicles in one class	yes	no
List each vehicle separately	no	yes

	Class 10	Class 10.1
Maximum capital cost	no	yes
50% rule on acquisitions	yes	yes
Half-year rule on sale	no	yes
Recapture on sale or trade-in	yes	no
Terminal loss on sale or trade-in	no	no

Because of the differences between Class 10 and Class 10.1, the capital cost allowance schedule on the back of Form T777 is divided into two separate parts (Part A and Part B).

Use **Part A** to calculate CCA for both Class 8 and Class 10 property, since the rules for these two classes are similar.

Use **Part B** to calculate CCA on Class 10.1 property only. List each vehicle that belongs in Class 10.1 on a separate line. Calculate CCA separately for each vehicle listed.

How to calculate capital cost allowance

The following information will help you complete Part A and Part B of the capital cost allowance schedule.

If this is the first year you are claiming CCA, skip column 2 and start with column 3. If this is not the first year you are claiming CCA, start with column 2. Then complete the rest of the columns as they apply.

Effective July 1, 2006, the GST rate was reduced from 7% to 6%, and the HST rate from 15% to 14%. This change will affect the calculation of the capital cost of a car purchased in 2006.

Part A – Classes 8 and 10 property

Column 2 – Undepreciated capital cost at the beginning of the year

If you claimed CCA in any previous year, record in this column the undepreciated capital cost (UCC) of the property at the end of last year. For instance, if you completed Part A in 2005, you would have recorded this amount in column 10. However, if you received a

GST/HST rebate for a vehicle or musical instrument in 2006, you have to reduce your opening UCC by the amount of the rebate.

Column 3 – Cost of acquisitions during the year

If you acquired depreciable property in 2006, enter the total capital cost of the property on the appropriate line.

If you owned property for personal use and then started using it for employment in 2006, there is a change in use. In most cases when this happens, the amount you will enter in column 3 is the fair market value of the property.

For example, John bought a car in 2002 for \$19,000. In 2006, he started using it for employment. By checking car dealerships and the newspapers, John determines its fair market value is \$11,000. Therefore, he enters \$11,000 in column 3.

To determine what class your passenger vehicle belongs to, use the price of the car before you add GST/HST and any provincial sales tax (PST). However, once you determine that your vehicle belongs to

Class 10, add the GST/HST and PST that you paid to the vehicle's capital cost.

For example, on June 21, 2006, you bought a passenger vehicle for \$28,000 plus GST of \$1,960 and PST of \$2,240. Your vehicle belongs in Class 10 even though its capital cost is \$32,200 (\$28,000 + \$1,960 + \$2,240), since your cost before the GST and PST was \$28,000. You would enter \$32,200 in column 3 for Class 10 property. In this example, you would calculate the GST by multiplying the price of the vehicle by 7% since it was purchased before July 1, 2006.

For information on Class 10.1 property, see the section called "Part B – Class 10.1 property" on page 100 [this page].

Column 4 – Proceeds of disposition during the year

For depreciable property you disposed of in 2006, enter the **lesser** of:

- the proceeds of disposition of the property, **minus** the related outlays and expenses; or
- the capital cost of the property.

Column 5 – Undepreciated capital cost after acquisitions and dispositions

Enter the amount you get after you add column 2 to column 3, and subtract column 4.

You cannot claim CCA when the amount in column 5 is:

- negative; or
- positive, and you do not have any property in the class at the end of the year.

Recapture of capital cost allowance – If the amount in column 5 is negative, you have a recapture of CCA. Include the amount as income on line 104 of your return for 2006.

Terminal loss – If the amount in column 5 is positive and you no longer own any property in that class, you have a terminal loss. You cannot deduct the terminal loss from income.

Column 6 – Adjustments for current-year acquisitions

You can only claim CCA on 50% of your net acquisitions (acquisitions **minus** dispositions) of Class 8 or Class 10 properties in 2006. This is known as the **50% rule**. In column 6, enter 50% of the amount you get when you subtract column 4 from column 3. If column 4 is more than column 3, enter "nil" in column 6.

Column 7 – Base amount for capital cost allowance claim

Enter the amount you get when you subtract column 6 from column 5. Base your CCA claim, if any, on the amount in this column. You can only claim CCA on the balance remaining in column 7 when the amount is positive and you still have property in the class at the end of the year.

Column 9 – Capital cost allowance for the year

You can only claim CCA if you were still using the property for employment at the end of 2006. If you started using a property for employment part way through the year, you can claim CCA on the property for the full year. You do not have to limit your CCA claim to the part of the year you used the property for employment. If you

stopped using the property for employment during the year, you cannot claim any CCA on the property for the year.

Enter the CCA you want to claim for 2006. The most you can claim for a Class 10 property is 30% of the amount in column 7. The most you can claim for a Class 8 property is 20% of the amount in column 7.

Column 10 – Undepreciated capital cost at the end of the year

Enter the amount you get when you subtract column 9 from column 5. This is your undepreciated capital cost at the end of 2006.

Part B – Class 10.1 property

List each vehicle that belongs in Class 10.1 on a separate line.

Column 2 – Undepreciated capital cost at the beginning of the year

If you claimed CCA in any previous year for a Class 10.1 vehicle, record in this column the undepreciated capital cost (UCC) of that vehicle at the end of last year. For instance, if you completed Part B in 2005, you would have recorded this amount in column 8. However,

if you received a GST/HST rebate for that vehicle in 2006, you have to reduce your opening UCC by the amount of the rebate.

Column 3 – Cost of acquisitions during the year

To determine what class your passenger vehicle belongs to, use the price of the car before you add the GST/HST and any PST. However, include the GST/HST and PST in the vehicle's capital cost.

If you owned property for personal use and then started using it for employment in 2006, there is a change in use. In most cases when this happens, the amount you will enter in column 3 is the fair market value of the property.

For a passenger vehicle you acquired in 2006 that cost you more than \$30,000 before GST/HST and PST, no matter how much more than \$30,000 it cost, the amount you record is \$30,000 plus the GST/HST and PST that you would have paid on \$30,000.

For example, if you bought a passenger vehicle on July 24, 2006, that cost \$31,000 before the GST/HST and PST your vehicle belongs in Class 10.1. Assume the GST on \$30,000 is \$1,800 and the PST is

\$2,400. Your capital cost is \$34,200 (\$30,000 + \$1,800 + \$2,400). You enter \$34,200 in column 3. In this example, you would calculate the GST by multiplying \$30,000 by 6% since the vehicle was purchased after June 30, 2006.

There is a limit on the capital cost of a Class 10.1 vehicle you buy from a person with whom you have a non-arm's-length relationship. Generally, such a relationship happens when the person from whom you acquire the vehicle is a relative. A non-arm's-length relationship can also happen in certain business relationships.

In this case, the capital cost is the **least** of the following three amounts:

- the fair market value of the vehicle when you acquired it;
- \$30,000 plus the GST/HST and PST that you would have paid on \$30,000 if you had acquired the vehicle in 2006; and
- the seller's cost of the vehicle just before you acquired it. The cost can vary depending on what the seller used the vehicle for before you acquired it. If the seller used the vehicle to earn income, the cost will be the undepreciated capital cost of the vehicle just before

you acquired it. When the seller was not using the vehicle to earn income, the cost will usually be the original cost of the vehicle.

Column 4 – Proceeds of disposition during the year

For a Class 10.1 vehicle you disposed of in 2006, record the **lesser** of:

- the proceeds of disposition of the property, **minus** the related outlays and expenses; or
- the capital cost of the vehicle.

Column 5 – Base amount for capital cost allowance claim

Base your CCA claim, if any, on the amount in this column.

If you owned the vehicle in 2006 and still owned it at the end of 2006, enter in column 5 the same amount you entered in column 2.

You can only claim CCA on 50% of the capital cost of a Class 10.1 vehicle you acquired in 2006. This is known as the **50% rule**. In column 5, enter 50% of the amount in column 3, as long as you still

owned the vehicle at the end of 2006. If you acquired and disposed of the same Class 10.1 vehicle in 2006, enter "nil" in column 5.

For a Class 10.1 vehicle you disposed of in 2006, you may be able to claim 50% of the CCA that would be allowed if you had still owned the vehicle at the end of the year. This is known as the **half-year rule on sale**.

You can use the half-year rule if you owned, at the end of 2005, the class 10.1 vehicle you sold in 2006. If you meet this condition, enter 50% of the amount from column 2 in column 5.

Column 7 – Capital cost allowance for the year

Claim CCA if you were still using the vehicle for employment at the end of 2006. If you started using a vehicle for employment part way through the year, you can claim CCA on the vehicle for the full year. You do not have to limit your CCA claim to the part of the year that you used the vehicle for employment.

Record the CCA you want to claim for 2006. The most you can claim is 30% of the amount in column 5.

Column 8 – Undepreciated capital cost at the end of the year

Calculate the undepreciated capital cost at the end of 2006 as follows:

- For a Class 10.1 vehicle you owned in 2005 and still owned at the end of 2006, enter the amount you get after you subtract the amount in column 7 from the amount in column 2.
- For a Class 10.1 vehicle you acquired during 2006 and still owned at the end of 2006, enter the amount you get after you subtract the amount in column 7 from the amount in column 3.
- For a Class 10.1 vehicle you disposed of during 2006, enter "nil" in column 8. The recapture and terminal loss rules do not apply to a Class 10.1 vehicle.

Chapter 9 – Employee Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST) Rebate

Provincial sales taxes in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and New Brunswick were harmonized with the goods and services tax

(GST) to create the harmonized sales tax (HST). For the rest of this chapter, we call these the participating provinces.

As an employee, you may have incurred expenses in the course of your employment duties. Some of these expenses you paid may have included GST/HST. If you deducted these expenses from your employment income, you may be able to get a rebate of the GST/HST you paid on these expenses. Complete the rebate application form and claim the rebate on line 457 of your tax return.

If the GST/HST rebate is for your expenses, include the rebate in your income for the year you received it. Report the amount on line 104 of your tax return.

If the GST/HST rebate is for a vehicle or musical instrument you bought, it will affect your claim for capital cost allowance in the year you receive the rebate. If this applies to you, reduce the undepreciated capital cost of your vehicle or musical instrument by the amount of the rebate at the beginning of the year in which you receive the rebate (see Example beginning on page 125 [26]). For more details, see the section called "How to complete Form GST370, EMPLOYEE AND PARTNER GST/HST REBATE APPLICATION" on

page 113 [23]. Do not include the rebate on line 104 of your tax return.

It is important for you to keep proper records so you can identify the expenses that included GST/HST. For information on keeping records, see Chapter 1 on page 12 [5]. For more information, see guide RC4409, KEEPING RECORDS.

Do you qualify for the rebate?

As an employee, you may qualify for a rebate if:

- you paid GST/HST on certain employment-related expenses and deducted those expenses on your tax return; and
- your employer is a GST/HST registrant.

You do not qualify for a GST/HST rebate if your employer:

- is not a GST/HST registrant; or
- is a listed financial institution as defined in the EXCISE TAX ACT (for example, an entity that was at any time during the year a bank, an investment dealer, a trust company, an insurance company, a credit

union, or a corporation whose principal business was lending money).

Expenses that qualify for the rebate

You can only apply for a rebate of the GST/HST you paid on expenses that you deducted on your tax return. You must have paid the GST/HST before claiming the rebate. Common examples of eligible expenses are described in chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this guide.

Non-eligible expenses

Non-eligible expenses include the following:

- Expenses on which you did not pay GST/HST, such as:
 - most goods and services you acquired before 1991;
 - goods and services acquired from non-registrants (for example, small suppliers);
 - most expenses you incurred outside Canada (for example, gasoline, accommodation, meals, and entertainment);

- certain expenses such as basic groceries; and
 - expenses that are not subject to GST/HST, including medical underwriting fees, insurance premiums, bonding premiums, mortgage interest, residential rents, interest, motor vehicle licence and registration fees, and salaries.
- Expenses you incurred when your employer was not a GST/HST registrant.
 - Expenses that relate to an allowance you received from your employer that is not reported in Area C of the GST/HST rebate application – for example, an allowance that was not included in your income as a taxable benefit because it was a reasonable allowance.
 - Any personal-use portion of an eligible expense.
 - An expense or part of an expense for which you were reimbursed or are entitled to be reimbursed by your employer.

Capital cost allowance

You can claim a GST/HST rebate based on the amount of capital cost allowance (CCA) you claimed on motor vehicles and musical instruments on which you paid GST/HST. If you claim CCA on more than one property of the same class, you have to calculate the part of CCA that relates to the property that qualifies for a rebate.

You cannot claim a rebate for CCA claimed on motor vehicles and musical instruments you bought before 1991, since you did not pay GST/HST on them.

In most cases, you cannot claim a GST/HST rebate on the CCA claimed on motor vehicles and musical instruments that relates to any allowance your employer paid you on those properties. However, you can claim a rebate if it relates to an allowance your employer reports in Area C of the rebate application form. You cannot claim a rebate on CCA claimed on property for which you received a non-taxable allowance.

If you paid GST when you bought your motor vehicle or musical instrument in 2006, you can claim a rebate of 6.5/106.5 of the CCA

you claimed on your return. If you paid HST, you can claim a rebate of 14.5/114.5 of the CCA you claimed on your return.

In certain cases, you may have to do an additional calculation if you bought your motor vehicle or musical instrument outside a participating province and brought the property into a participating province. For more information, read the section called "Situation 5 – Property and services brought into a participating province" on page 121 [24].

Filing deadline

You should file your rebate application with your tax return for the year in which you deduct the expenses.

However, if you do not file your rebate application when you file your tax return, you have up to four years from the end of the year to which the expenses relate to file an application. We use the calendar year in which you incur the expense to determine the four-year period for employees.

If you do not file your rebate application with your tax return, send in a letter with the application. Give details such as your social insurance number and the tax year to which the application relates.

Rebate restriction

You can only file **one** Employee and Partner GST/HST rebate application for each calendar year.

You cannot get a rebate if:

- we previously refunded, remitted, or credited the tax to you;
- you have claimed or are entitled to claim an input tax credit for the amount;
- you received or are entitled to receive a rebate, refund, or remission under any other section of the EXCISE TAX ACT or any other act of Parliament for the same expense; or
- you received a credit note, or you issued a debit note, for an adjustment, refund, or credit that includes the amount.

Overpayment of a rebate

If you receive an overpayment of a rebate, you have to repay the excess. We charge interest on any balance you owe.

How to complete Form GST370, Employee and Partner GST/HST Rebate Application

You must complete areas A, B, and D of Form GST370, EMPLOYEE AND PARTNER GST/HST REBATE APPLICATION. If applicable, your employer has to complete Area C. Use a separate form for each tax year.

Area A – Identification

The "tax year of claim" should be the same year as the tax return for which you are claiming the rebate.

Area B – Rebate calculation

The GST rate charged on purchases made after June 30, 2006, was reduced from 7% to 6% and the HST rate was reduced from 15% to 14%. As a result, the rebate calculation has changed for the 2006

taxation year. Since 2006 is a transition year, the calculation described below will only apply to the 2006 taxation year. The GST370 included in this guide can only be used for purchases made in the 2006 tax year.

Calculate your rebate based on the expenses you deducted on your tax return. These expenses include GST/HST, provincial sales tax, and tips (if the tips are included in your bill).

For eligible expenses on which you paid GST, you can claim a rebate of 6.5/106.5 of those expenses. For eligible expenses on which you paid HST, you can claim a rebate of 14.5/114.5 of those expenses.

In certain cases, you may have to do an additional calculation if you bought property and services outside a participating province and brought them into a participating province. For more information, see the section called "Situation 5 – Property and services brought into a participating province" on page 121 [24].

Refer to the following situations to determine how to calculate your rebate based on your particular case. When you calculate your rebate, use only the expenses deducted on your tax return.

Situation 1 – The only expenses you deducted are union, professional, or similar dues

Not all union, professional, or similar dues that you claimed on line 212 of your tax return are subject to GST/HST. Your receipt for these dues should indicate whether GST/HST was charged. If these dues are the only expense you deducted, do not complete the charts on the back of the form.

If you paid GST, enter on lines 1 and 3 of Area B the amount of the expense minus any amount you were reimbursed. Multiply the amount on line 3 by $6.5/106.5$ and enter the result on line 4.

If you paid HST, enter on lines 5 and 7 of Area B the amount of the expense minus any amount you were directly reimbursed. Multiply the amount on line 7 by $14.5/114.5$ and enter the result on line 8.

Add lines 4 and 8, then enter the result on line 13. The amount on line 13 is your total rebate claim. Enter this amount on line 457 of your tax return. Do not forget to complete Area D.

Situation 2 – You deducted only GST expenses

Before completing Area B, complete Chart 1 on the back of the form to determine your total expenses eligible for the GST rebate. Do not complete Chart 2, since you did not pay HST on any of your expenses.

Enter in column 1 of Chart 1 the employment expenses you deducted on your tax return. You calculated these amounts on Form T777, STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES, or on Form TL2, CLAIM FOR MEALS AND LODGING EXPENSES.

Also, if applicable, enter in column 1 of Chart 1 the union, professional, or similar dues you claimed on line 212 of your return and on which you paid GST minus any amount you were reimbursed. Your receipt for these dues should indicate whether GST was charged.

Do not enter any amount in the black areas of Chart 1, since these expenses are not eligible for the rebate. Enter in column 2 the amount of any expenses included in column 1 that is not eligible for the rebate. You will find a list of non-eligible expenses on page 108 [22]. For each expense, subtract the amount in column 2 from the amount

in column 1. Enter the result in column 3. Total the expenses other than CCA in column 3. Enter the result in box A of column 3. If you claimed CCA, subtract any non-eligible CCA in column 2 from your total CCA in column 1. Enter the result in box B of column 3.

Copy the amounts from boxes A and B of Chart 1 to lines 1 and 2 respectively of Area B on the front of the form. Add line 1 and line 2 in Area B and enter the result on line 3. Multiply line 3 by $6.5/106.5$ and enter the result on line 4.

If Situation 5 described on page 121 [24] does not apply to you, copy the amount from line 4 to line 13. This is your total rebate claim. Enter this amount on line 457 of your tax return.

Situation 3 – You deducted only HST expenses

Before completing Area B, complete Chart 2 on the back of the form to determine your total expenses eligible for the HST rebate. Do not complete Chart 1, since you did not pay GST on any of your expenses.

Enter in column 1 of Chart 2 the employment expenses you deducted on your tax return. You calculated these amounts on Form T777, Statement of Employment Expenses, or on Form TL2, Claim for Meals and Lodging Expenses.

Also, if applicable, enter in column 1 of Chart 2 the union, professional, or similar dues you claimed on line 212 of your tax return, and for which you paid HST, minus any amount you were reimbursed. Your receipt for these dues should indicate whether HST was charged.

Do not enter any amount in the black areas of Chart 2, since these expenses are not eligible for the rebate.

Enter in column 2 the part of any expenses included in column 1 that is not eligible for the rebate. You will find a list of non-eligible expenses on page 108 [22]. For each expense, subtract the amount in column 2 from the amount in column 1. Enter the result in column 3. Total the expenses other than CCA in column 3. Enter the result in box C of column 3. If you claimed CCA, subtract any non-eligible CCA in column 2 from your total CCA in column 1. Enter the result in box D of column 3.

Copy the amounts from boxes C and D of Chart 2 to lines 5 and 6 respectively of Area B on the front of the form. Add line 5 and line 6 of Area B and enter the result on line 7. Multiply line 7 by 14.5/114.5 and enter the result on line 8.

If Situation 5 described on page 121 [this page] does not apply to you, copy the amount from line 8 to line 13. This is your total rebate claim. Enter this amount on line 457 of your tax return.

Situation 4 – You deducted both GST and HST expenses

Before completing Area B, complete Chart 1 **and** Chart 2 on the other side of the form to determine the total expenses eligible for the GST and HST rebate. Use Chart 1 to calculate the total eligible expenses on which you paid GST. Use Chart 2 to calculate the total eligible expenses on which you paid HST.

You calculated your employment expenses using Form T777, STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES, or Form TL2, CLAIM FOR MEALS AND LODGING EXPENSES. Separate the expenses on which you paid GST from those expenses on which you paid HST. Enter the GST

expenses in column 1 of Chart 1, and the HST expenses in column 1 of Chart 2.

Also, if applicable, enter in column 1 of Chart 1 and Chart 2 respectively the union, professional, or similar dues that you claimed on line 212 of your tax return and on which you paid the GST or HST minus any amount you were reimbursed. Your receipt for these dues should indicate whether GST or HST was charged.

Do not enter any amount in the black areas, since these expenses are not eligible for the rebate.

Enter in column 2 of each chart the part of any expenses included in column 1 that is not eligible for the rebate. You will find a list of non-eligible expenses on page 108 [22]. For each expense, subtract the amount in column 2 from the amount in column 1. Enter the result in column 3. Total the expenses other than CCA in column 3. Enter the result in boxes A and C in column 3 of Charts 1 and 2. If you claimed CCA, subtract any non-eligible CCA in column 2 from your total CCA in column 1. Enter the result in boxes B and D in column 3 of Chart 1 and Chart 2.

Copy the amount from boxes A and B of Chart 1 to lines 1 and 2 respectively of Area B on the front of the form. Copy the amount from boxes C and D of Chart 2 to lines 5 and 6 respectively of Area B. Add line 1 and line 2 of Area B and enter the result on line 3. Multiply the amount on line 3 by $6.5/106.5$ and enter the result on line 4. Add line 5 and line 6 of Area B and enter the result on line 7. Multiply the amount on line 7 by $14.5/114.5$ and enter the result on line 8.

If Situation 5 described below does not apply to you, add lines 4 and 8 and enter the result on line 13. This is your total rebate claim. Enter this amount on line 457 of your tax return.

Situation 5 – Property and services brought into a participating province

You may be able to claim a rebate of $8/108$ for eligible expenses deducted on your tax return for which you paid the 8% provincial component of HST separately. This **excludes** any expenses for which you paid HST. You may have paid the 8% provincial part of HST separately in situations where:

- you bought goods in a non-participating province and brought them into a participating province;
- you imported commercial goods into a participating province from outside Canada; or
- you had goods delivered or made available to you in a participating province, or sent by mail or courier to you at an address in a participating province from a non-registered non-resident of Canada.

If Situation 5 applies to you and you need help, contact Business Enquiries at **1-800-959-5525**.

Situation 6 – The only expenses you deducted are tradesperson's tools expenses and/or apprentice mechanic tools expenses

If the only expenses you claimed on line 229 of your tax return were for the cost of tools bought as a tradesperson and/or an apprentice mechanic (see Chapter 6 beginning on page 50 [11]), and **neither** Situation 4 nor Situation 5 apply to you, do not complete the charts on the back of the form.

If you paid GST, enter on lines 1 and 3 of Area B the amount of the expense you claimed at line 229 of your tax return. Multiply the amount on line 3 by $6.5/106.5$ and enter the result on line 4.

If you paid HST, enter on lines 5 and 7 of Area B the amount of the expense. Multiply the amount on line 7 by $14.5/114.5$ and enter the result on line 8.

Add lines 4 and 8, then enter the result on line 13. The amount on line 13 is your total rebate claim. Enter this amount on line 457 of your tax return. Do not forget to complete Area D.

Area C – Declaration by claimant's employer

You may want to claim a rebate for expenses that relate to a taxable allowance. A taxable allowance will be included in box 40 of your T4 slip. If so, your employer or an authorized officer has to complete Area C. An authorized officer includes an immediate supervisor, controller, or office manager.

You cannot claim a rebate for expenses for which you received a non-taxable allowance. A non-taxable allowance is an allowance that was considered reasonable when it was paid.

Area D – Certification

Sign the certification area. If you don't, it may delay or invalidate your GST/HST rebate claim.

After completing your rebate application

After completing Form GST370, attach a copy to your tax return and enter the amount of your claim on line 457 of your tax return. Keep a copy of the form for your records.

Quebec sales tax rebate

Some of the expenses you paid to earn your employment income may have included Quebec sales tax (QST). If you deducted these expenses from your employment income, you may be able to receive a rebate of the QST you paid. This rebate also applies to the QST you

paid on a musical instrument you use to earn employment income. Claim the QST rebate on line 459 of your Quebec provincial return.

If the QST rebate is for your expenses, include the rebate in your income for the year you received it. Report the amount on line 104 of your federal return.

If the QST rebate is for a vehicle or musical instrument you bought, it will affect your claim for capital cost allowance in the year you receive the rebate. If this applies to you, reduce the capital cost of your vehicle or musical instrument by the amount of the rebate. Do not include the rebate on line 104 of your federal return.

For more information about the QST rebate and Form VD-358-V, QUÉBEC SALES TAX REBATE APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYEES AND PARTNERS, contact Revenu Québec.

Example

Sam is a commissioned salesperson who negotiates contracts for his employer in British Columbia. Under his contract of employment, he has to pay his own expenses and is normally required to work away

from his employer's place of business. His employer is a GST/HST registrant. Sam received a taxable allowance for the use of his motor vehicle that is included on his T4 slip for 2006. Since the allowance is taxable, he can claim a rebate on certain expenses related to that allowance.

To calculate his employment expenses, he completed Form T777, STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES, as shown on page 127 [below]. Because of space limitations, we have not reproduced the entire form.



STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES

NOTE: In this form, the text inserted between square brackets represents the regular print information.

Guide T4044, "Employment Expenses", has information to help you complete this statement and the schedule on page 8 [the back]. The chapters we refer to below are chapters in the guide.

Include a copy of this form with your return.

Expenses

Accounting and legal fees	8862		
Advertising and promotion	8520		
Allowable motor vehicle expenses (from line 16 on page 5 [below])	9281	11,917	81 1

Food, beverages, and entertainment expenses
(see Chapter 2 or 3, as applicable)

1,559 **68** × 50% =

Lodging

Parking

Supplies
(e.g., postage, stationery, other office supplies)

Other expenses (please specify)

Tradesperson's tools expenses (see Chapter 6)

Apprentice mechanic tools expenses
(see Chapter 6)

Musical instrument costs
(see "Part 2" in Chapter 5)

Capital cost allowance for musical instruments
(see "Part A" on page 8 [the back] of this form)

8523	779	84
9200		
8910	178	25

8810	623	13
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9270		
1770		

9131		
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1776		
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1777		
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Artists' employment expenses
(see "Part 1" in Chapter 5)

9973		
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Subtotal

13,499	03	2
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Add work-space-in-the-home expenses
(enter the lower amount of line 24 or 25
on pages 6 and 7 [below])

9945		
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Total expenses

(enter this amount on line 229 of your return)

9368	13,499	03
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Calculation of Allowable Motor Vehicle Expenses

Enter the kilometres you drove in the tax year
to earn employment income

22,500	3
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Enter the total kilometres you drove in the tax year

30,000	4
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Enter the motor vehicle expenses you paid for:

Fuel (gasoline, propane, oil)

3,230	55	5
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Maintenance and repairs

467	67	6
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Insurance

1,200	00	7
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Licence and registration	260	00	8
Capital cost allowance (see schedule on page 8 [the back])	8,797	50	9
Interest (see "Interest expense" in Chapter 7)	1,850	19	10
Leasing (see "Leasing costs" in Chapter 7)			11
Other expenses (please specify) CAR WASHES	84	50	12
Add lines 5 to 12	15,890	41	13

Employment-use portion

line 3 22,500

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line 4 30,000

× line 13 =

11,917	81
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11,917	81	14
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Enter the total of all rebates, motor vehicle allowances, and repayments for motor vehicle expenses you received that are not included in income. Do not include any repayments you used to calculate your leasing costs on line 11.

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Allowable motor vehicle expenses

(line 14 minus line 15)

11,917	81	16
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Enter the amount from line 16 on line 1 in the "Expenses" area on page 1 [above].

Part B – Class 10.1

- For details about the Class 10.1 limits, see Chapter 8 of guide T4044, "Employment Expenses".
- List each passenger vehicle on a separate line.

Date acquired	Cost of vehicle		1 Class no.	2 Undepreciated capital cost at the beginning of the year *	
12/05	32,000	00	10.1	29,325	00
			10.1		



3 Cost of acquisitions during the year		4 Proceeds of disposition during the year		5 Base amount for capital cost allowance claim **	
				29,325	00

6 Rate %	7 Capital cost allowance (CCA) for the year (col. 5 × 6, or a lesser amount)		8 Undepreciated capital cost at the end of the year (col. 2 – 7, or col. 3 – 7) ***	
30 %	8,797	50	20,527	50
30 %				
TOTAL	8,797	50		

Sam is now ready to calculate his GST/HST rebate. To claim the rebate, he has to complete Form GST370, EMPLOYEE AND PARTNER GST/HST REBATE APPLICATION. Before Sam can complete Area B, he completes Chart 1 on the back of Form GST370, to calculate his GST eligible expenses. Since he did not pay HST on any of his expenses, he does not complete Chart 2. Using the information in this guide, he calculates and reports the expenses not eligible for the rebate in column 2. To calculate the **personal-use portion** of his motor vehicle expenses, Sam uses the fraction $7,500/30,000$. This is the personal kilometres driven ($30,000 - 22,500$) over the total kilometres driven. He completes Chart 1 as follows:

Chart 1 – Eligible expenses on which you paid GST

Type of expenses Expenses other than CCA	(1) Total expenses		(2) Non-eligible portion of expenses		(3) Eligible expenses (col. 1 minus col. 2)	
Accounting and legal fees						
Advertising and promotion						
Food, beverages, and entertainment	779	84	–		779	84
Lodging						
Parking	178	25	–		178	25
Supplies	623	13	–		623	13
Other expenses (please specify)						

Type of expenses Expenses other than CCA	(1) Total expenses		(2) Non-eligible portion of expenses		(3) Eligible expenses (col. 1 minus col. 2)	
Tradesperson's tools expenses (for employees)						
Apprentice mechanic tools expenses (for employees)						
Musical instrument expenses other than CCA						
Artists' employment expenses						
Union, professional, or similar dues						
Motor vehicle expenses:						
Fuel	3,230	55	† 807	64	2,422	91
Maintenance and repairs	467	67	†† 116	92	350	75

Type of expenses Expenses other than CCA	(1) Total expenses		(2) Non-eligible portion of expenses		(3) Eligible expenses (col. 1 minus col. 2)	
Insurance, licence, registration, and interest						
Leasing						
Other expenses CAR (please specify) WASHES	84	50	† † † 21	13	63	37
Work space in home Electricity, heat, and water						
Maintenance						
Insurance and property taxes						

Type of expenses Expenses other than CCA	(1) Total expenses		(2) Non-eligible portion of expenses		(3) Eligible expenses (col. 1 minus col. 2)	
Other expenses (please specify)						

**Total eligible expenses
other than CCA (column 3)**



4,418	25	(A)
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Capital cost allowance
(CCA) on motor vehicles,
musical instruments,
and aircraft



8,797	50	†††† 2,199	38	6,598	12	(B)
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† $\$3,230.55 \times (7,500/30,000) = \807.64

†† $\$467.67 \times (7,500/30,000) = \116.92

$$\dagger\dagger\dagger \quad \$84.50 \times (7,500/30,000) = \$21.13$$

$$\dagger\dagger\dagger\dagger \quad \$8,797.50 \times (7,500/30,000) = \$2,199.38$$

Sam did not enter any amounts in the black areas, since these expenses are not eligible for the rebate.

Sam copies the amounts from boxes A and B of Chart 1 to lines 1 and 2 in Area B of Form GST370, and completes it as follows:

Area B – Rebate calculation (to be completed by claimant)

GST rebate for eligible expenses on which you paid GST

Eligible expenses, other than CCA, on which you paid GST (from box A of Chart 1 on page 11 [the back] of this form, or enter the amount of union, professional, or similar dues or tradesperson's and/or apprentice mechanic tools eligible for the GST rebate)

4,418	25	1
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Eligible CCA on motor vehicles, musical instruments, and aircraft for which you paid GST (from box B of Chart 1 on page 11 [the back] of this form)

6,598	12	2
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Total expenses eligible for the GST rebate (line 1 plus line 2)

6485	11,016	37	3
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Multiply line 3 by 6.5/106.5

672	36	4
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HST rebate for eligible expenses on which you paid HST

Eligible expenses, other than CCA, on which you paid HST (from box C of Chart 2 on page 15 [the back] of this form, or enter the amount of union, professional, or similar dues or tradesperson's and/or apprentice mechanic tools eligible for the HST rebate)

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Eligible CCA on motor vehicles, musical instruments, and aircraft for which you paid HST (from box D of Chart 2 on page 15 [the back] of this form)

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Total expenses eligible for the HST rebate (line 5 plus line 6)

6487		7
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Multiply line 7 by 14.5/114.5

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Rebate for property and services brought into a participating province (i.e., Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland and Labrador) Do not include any expenses for which you paid HST. Read Situation 5 of the applicable guide for more details.

Eligible expenses, **other than CCA**, on which you paid the provincial part of HST separately

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Eligible CCA on motor vehicles, musical instruments, and aircraft for which you paid the provincial part of HST separately

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Total expenses eligible for the rebate (line 9 plus line 10)

6486		11
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Multiply line 11 by 8/108

		12
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Employee and partner GST/HST rebate (add lines 4, 8, and 12). Enter the amount from line 13 on line 457 of your income tax return.

672	36	13
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Since Sam is claiming a rebate for his motor vehicle expenses for which he received a taxable allowance, an authorized officer of Sam's employer has to complete and sign Area C.

Sam enters \$672.36 on line 457 of his 2006 return. He also attaches Form GST370 to his return.

On his 2007 return, Sam will include \$269.66 ($\$4,418.25 \times [6.5/106.5]$) on line 104. This amount is the part of the rebate he will receive in 2007 that relates to eligible expenses other than CCA. He will then reduce his undepreciated capital cost (UCC) for the beginning of 2007 by \$402.70 ($\$6,598.12 \times [6.5/106.5]$).

References

The following publications are available on our Web site at www.cra.gc.ca or by calling **1-800-959-2221**.

Forms

T137	Request for Destruction of Records
T777	Statement of Employment Expenses
T2200	Declaration of Conditions of Employment
TL2	Claim for Meals and Lodging Expenses
GST370	Employee and Partner GST/HST Rebate Application

Guides

P105	Students and Income Tax
RC4110	Employee or Self-employed?
RC4120	Employers' Guide – Filing the T4 Slip and Summary

RC4409 Keeping Records

T4002 Business and Professional Income

Information circulars

73-21 Claims for Meals and Lodging Expenses of Transport Employees

78-10 Books and Records Retention/Destruction

Interpretation bulletins

IT-99 Legal and Accounting Fees

IT-352 Employee's Expenses, Including Work Space in Home Expenses

IT-357 Expenses of Training

IT-518 Food, Beverages and Entertainment Expenses

IT-522 Vehicle, Travel and Sales Expenses of Employees